



Section Twelve

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Crimes motivated by hate and bias tend to erode the basic fabric of society. Bias incidents having a racial, religious, ethnic, sexual or gender component as well as crimes against individuals with a handicap, manifest themselves in a wide spectrum of criminal activities. These bias incidents jeopardize the active and open pursuit of freedom and opportunity. They attack our citizens based on their race, religion, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, handicap, or gender. Closely linked to such heritage are individual values, beliefs, and identities.

Realizing that no agency within the state was collecting complete data on bias incidents, a broad-based Ad Hoc committee was created to develop a comprehensive statewide reporting system. As a result of the committee's recommendation, Attorney General Executive Directive No. 1987-3 was issued mandating all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to begin reporting bias incident offenses to the Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, on a monthly basis, effective January 1, 1988. On August 15, 1996, legislation was enacted which enhanced the state's definition of a bias incident to include crimes that are gender or handicap-motivated.

The directive was instituted to capture vital data in an effort to identify the problem. This information permits proper evaluation of progress in preventing bias crime and assist with necessary planning for the future.

This is the thirteenth annual publication concerning bias crimes, which contains comparisons to the previous year's statistics. The published statistics and graphs are the result of data submitted by the police community of New Jersey.

Hopefully, the information contained in this publication will be of value to various segments of society and serve its intended purpose.

BIAS INCIDENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 2000 bias incident offense statistics are listed below:

- New Jersey law enforcement agencies reported 656 individual bias incidents, resulting in 710 specific bias incident offenses in 2000, a 5% increase compared to 1999.
- Harassment accounted for 35% (252) of all bias incident offenses.
- Criminal mischief and damage to property accounted for 45% (316) of all bias incident offenses.
- Racial bias accounted for 50% (356) of all bias incident crimes in 2000.
- The target category of person accounted for 54% (385) of all bias offenses.
- The Black race represented the most frequent racial group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 42% (298) of all bias offenses.
- The Jewish religion represented the most frequent religious group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 28% (202) of all bias offenses.
- The Hispanic ethnicity represented the most frequent ethnic group victimized by bias crime, accounting for 6% (40) of all bias offenses.
- The most frequent day of occurrence was Monday (119 offenses).
- The most frequent month of occurrence was October (110 offenses).
- The most frequent place of occurrence was a residence, where 28% (197 offenses) of all bias incidents occurred.
- Thirty-seven percent (261) of all bias incident offenses were cleared with 60% (157) being cleared by arrest, and 40% (104) being exceptionally cleared.
- A total of 173 arrests (116 adults and 57 juveniles) were made resulting from bias incidents. Compared to 1999, arrests decreased 23 percent.

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

1996 through 2000

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Murder	1	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	8	2	4	-	2
Aggravated Assault	38	16	21	25	21
Burglary	6	4	4	2	5
Larceny-Theft	4	1	2	2	2
Simple Assault	84	68	63	60	53
Fear of Bodily Violence	23	22	20	20	15
Arson	6	2	2	-	-
Criminal Mischief	370	303	318	277	292
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	31	32	20	27	24
Weapons Offense	2	-	-	-	2
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	1	-	1	2	-
Terroristic Threats	53	46	41	37	38
Trespass	-	-	-	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	22	18	3	1	2
Harassment	344	267	336	210	252
Desecration of Venerated Objects	5	5	10	1	-
All Other Bias Incident	43	21	32	15	2
TOTAL	1,041	807	877	679	710

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES/CLEARANCES/ARRESTS 1999/2000

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES		Number of Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number of Arrests		
					Total Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Murder	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
Manslaughter	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
Rape	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
Robbery	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	2	1	50	0	-	-
Aggravated Assault	1999	25	20	80	20	15	5
	2000	21	16	76	20	13	7
Burglary	1999	2	2	100	5	-	5
	2000	5	-	0	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft	1999	2	-	0	0	-	-
	2000	2	-	0	0	-	-
Simple Assault	1999	60	47	78	48	25	23
	2000	53	37	70	39	25	14
Fear of Bodily Violence	1999	20	14	70	11	7	4
	2000	15	3	20	1	1	-
Arson	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
Criminal Mischief	1999	277	24	9	25	10	15
	2000	292	18	6	25	10	15
Damage to Property; Threat of Violence	1999	27	5	19	8	1	7
	2000	24	3	13	3	1	2
Weapons Offense	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	2	2	100	1	1	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	1999	2	2	100	2	2	-
	2000	-	-	0	0	-	-
Terroristic Threats	1999	37	22	59	15	11	4
	2000	38	16	42	12	10	2
Trespass	1999	-	-	-	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
Disorderly Conduct	1999	1	1	100	0	-	-
	2000	2	1	50	0	-	-
Harassment	1999	210	150	71	90	65	25
	2000	252	164	65	72	55	17
Desecration of Venerated Objects	1999	1	-	0	0	-	-
	2000	-	-	-	0	-	-
All Other Bias Incidents	1999	15	1	7	0	-	-
	2000	2	-	0	0	-	-
TOTAL	1999	679	288	42	224	136	88
	2000	710	261	37	173	116	57

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

TARGET/TYPE – 2000

PERSON				385					
RACIAL	219	RELIGIOUS	60	ETHNIC	70	SEXUAL	34	OTHER	2
American Indian	-	Catholic	1	Arab	5	Bisexual	2	Gender	-
Asian	17	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	18	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	2
Black	177	Islamic	1	Hispanic	32	Heterosexual(M)	2	(1) Physical	1
White	25	Jewish	54	Oriental	9	Homosexual(F)	5	(2) Mental	1
Other	-	Protestant	-	Other	6	Homosexual(M)	24		
		Other	1			Homosexual(M&F)	1		

PRIVATE PROPERTY				199					
RACIAL	81	RELIGIOUS	96	ETHNIC	15	SEXUAL	6	OTHER	1
American Indian	1	Catholic	2	Arab	-	Bisexual	1	Gender	-
Asian	3	Hindu	3	Asian Indian	3	Heterosexual(F)	-	Handicap:	1
Black	67	Islamic	-	Hispanic	7	Heterosexual(M)	-	(1) Physical	-
White	10	Jewish	87	Oriental	2	Homosexual(F)	-	(2) Mental	1
Other	-	Protestant	2	Other	3	Homosexual(M)	5		
		Other	2			Homosexual(M&F)	-		

PUBLIC PROPERTY				126			
RACIAL	56	RELIGIOUS	63	ETHNIC	4	SEXUAL	3
American Indian	-	Catholic	2	Arab	-	Bisexual	-
Asian	-	Hindu	-	Asian Indian	1	Heterosexual(F)	-
Black	54	Islamic	-	Hispanic	1	Heterosexual(M)	-
White	2	Jewish	61	Oriental	-	Homosexual(F)	-
Other	-	Protestant	-	Other	2	Homosexual(M)	2
		Other	-			Homosexual(M&F)	1

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1999/2000

		Murder	Man- slaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Simple Assault	Fear of Bodily Violence	Arson
	1999	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	1	-
Atlantic	2000	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	-
Bergen	2000	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-
Burlington	2000	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	3	-
Camden	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	4	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Cape May	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
Cumberland	2000	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Essex	2000	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	1	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	1	-
Gloucester	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Hudson	2000	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hunterdon	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Mercer	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-
Middlesex	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	3	-
Monmouth	2000	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	1	-
Morris	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
Ocean	2000	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	6	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	12	-	-
Passaic	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salem	2000	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-
Somerset	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Sussex	2000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Union	2000	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	2000	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
	1999	0	0	0	0	25	2	2	60	20	0
TOTAL	2000	0	0	0	2	21	5	2	53	15	0

BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES BY COUNTY 1999/2000

Criminal Mischief	Damage to Property Threat of Violence	Weapons Offenses	Sex Offenses	Terroristic Threats	Trespass	Disorderly Conduct	Harassment	Desecration of Venerated Objects	All Other Bias Incidents	TOTAL
7	2	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	27
4	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	13
25	4	-	1	4	-	-	20	-	1	62
25	3	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	84
20	1	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	1	37
13	1	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	27
32	4	-	-	2	-	-	30	-	-	77
22	-	2	-	1	-	-	12	-	-	46
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	7
3	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	12
3	-	-	-	4	-	-	13	-	-	22
12	2	-	-	5	-	-	7	-	3	31
15	1	-	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	34
6	1	-	-	3	-	-	17	-	-	35
14	3	-	-	4	-	1	19	-	-	45
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10
2	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	10
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	11
4	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	9
16	2	-	-	2	-	-	14	1	1	40
16	1	-	-	5	-	-	20	-	-	48
35	4	-	-	4	-	-	20	-	4	73
30	3	-	-	5	-	-	16	-	-	58
20	1	-	-	3	-	-	18	-	1	52
23	6	-	-	2	-	-	19	-	1	56
24	2	-	-	1	-	-	22	-	1	56
18	3	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	1	48
17	1	-	-	5	-	-	15	-	-	43
21	-	-	-	1	-	-	24	-	-	58
9	1	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	1	33
7	1	-	-	6	-	-	12	-	-	32
3	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	7
3	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	8
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	34
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	61
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	11
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	8
8	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	15
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	23
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	13
277	27	0	2	37	0	1	210	1	15	679
292	24	2	0	38	0	2	252	0	2	710

VICTIM/OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

2000

	VICTIM	OFFENDER
AGE		
10 and under	14	2
11 to 17	106	112
18 to 20	37	27
21 to 25	37	20
26 to 30	29	24
31 to 35	31	15
36 to 40	47	34
41 to 45	27	20
46 to 50	23	14
51 to 60	21	7
61 and over	13	9
TOTAL AGE	385	284
SEX		
Male	244	241
Female	141	43
TOTAL SEX	385	284
RACE		
American Indian	-	-
Asian	50	6
Black	172	37
White	163	241
Other	-	-
TOTAL RACE	385	284

BIAS INCIDENT SUMMARY

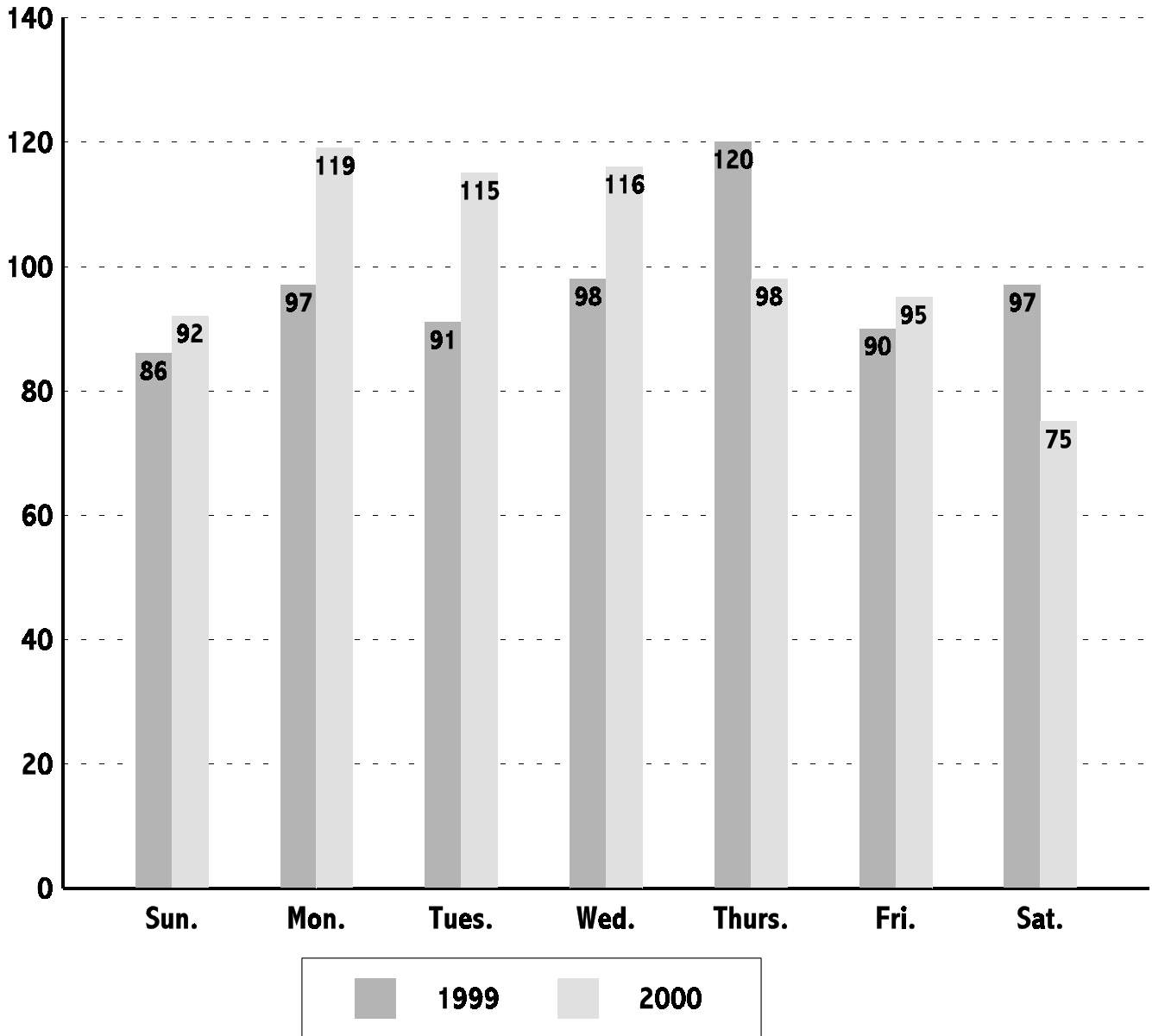
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Description of Incident		Place of Occurrence		Relationship of Victim to Offender	
Swastika	86	Residence	197	Acquaintance	65
Cross Burning	-	Religious Building	24	Neighbor	62
Graffiti	173	Government Building	26	Employee	6
In Person	290	School Building	129	Stranger	157
Letters	52	Business Establishment	88	Unknown	350
Telephone	46	Cemetery	-	Other	70
Other	63	Motor Vehicle	53		
		Highway	93		
		Parking Lot	43		
		Other	57		
TOTAL	710	TOTAL	710	TOTAL	710

TYPE OF BIAS									
RACIAL		RELIGIOUS		ETHNIC		SEXUAL		OTHER	
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		Other	3			Homosexual(M&F)	2		
TOTAL	356	TOTAL	219	TOTAL ETHNIC	89	TOTAL	43	TOTAL	3

BIAS INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

1999/2000



BIAS INCIDENT BY MONTH

1999/2000

